

Kutztown FFA member one of four dairy proficiency award winners



Jeffrey Miller, member of the Kutztown FFA chapter, is congratulated for being named the eastern region FFA dairy proficiency award winner.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Four members of the Future Farmers of America have been named regional winners of the FFA Dairy Production Proficiency Award co-sponsored by Avco

New Idea Farm Equipment Division of Coldwater, Ohio, and the DeLaval Separator Company of Poughkeepsie, New York, in cooperation with the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Eastern region winner is Jeffrey C. Miller, Kutztown FFA Chapter, Kutztown, Pa. The Dairy Production Award is one of 19 agricultural proficiency awards presented annually

by the National FFA Foundation to recognize accomplishments of FFA members pursuing careers in specific areas of agriculture. Applicants for the Dairy Production Award must show accomplishments in dairy production and management.

All members of the FFA who complete supervised experience programs in dairy production as part of their vocational agriculture instruction are eligible for the award. To participate FFA members submit an application in which they answer questions in nine areas related to their supervised experience program in dairy production. Requirements to earn the award include listing the applicant's inventory at the time he entered the vocational agriculture program up to the time the application is made (usually three-four years for national award applicants). Other questions include a financial statement, a statement of skills and management practices learned as a result of the educational program and a listing of production efficiency factors attained over the three to four year period.

Chapters may recognize a member for the Dairy Production Proficiency award by presenting a medal and a certificate. Chapter

winners compete at the state level where the winner is presented a check for \$100 from the National FFA Foundation, Inc. State winners then compete for recognition in each of four FFA administrative regions. Each regional winner earns a check for \$250 and a plaque plus a travel award to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Here his dairy production program is judged against winners from three other regions. The top FFA member in the nation in dairy production is recognized at the National

FFA Convention with a plaque and a check for \$500.

As sponsors of the Dairy Production awards, Avco New Idea and the DeLaval Separator Company provide funds for awards at the local, state, and national levels as well as travel awards to the National FFA Convention for regional winners.

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